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SUBJECT: PRC ATROCITY STORIES

SUMMARY: ATROCITY STORIES REVIVING ALLEGED CRIMES BY JAPANESE AND U.S. "IMPERIALISM" HAVE BECOME PART OF THE ANTI-LIN, ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN. END SUMMARY.

1. IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT A CENTRAL DIRECTIVE HAS GONE OUT INDICATING THAT WHERE APPROPRIATE ANTI-LIN MEETINGS BE HELD AT THE SITE OF U.S. OR JAPANESE ATROCITIES. WHILE LIN PIAO AND THE SOVIETS ARE PICTURED AS THE CURRENT ENEMIES WHO WOULD RESTORE SUCH CRIMES, THE MAJOR IMPACT ON THE CHINESE AUDIENCE, WE IMAGINE, IS TO REVIVE THE BARBARIAN AND EVIL IMAGE OF THE U.S. AND JAPAN, AND INDEED OF ALL FOREIGNERS.

2. THE MOST HAIR-RAISING TALE WAS CONTAINED IN A MARCH 22

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YUNNAN PROVINCIAL BROADCAST OF A LIN CRITICISM SESSION

IN PAOSHAN COUNTY. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SITE OF A NURSERY SET UP BY THE "IMPERIALISTS" WHO ALLEGEDLY MURDERED TWO THOUSAND CHINESE CHILDREN THERE. IN WORDS REMINISCENT OF BOXER MYTHS ABOUT THE BESTIAL INDULGENCES OF MISSIONARIES, THE BROADCAST REPORTED THAT TO "CARRY OUT MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS" THE IMPERIALISTS HAD EXTRACTED THE CHILDREN'S BLOOD, GOUGED OUT THEIR EYES AND CUT OUT THEIR INTESTINES BEFORE BOILING THEM IN OIL. REFERENCES TO "CANNIBALISTIC TRAGEDIES" SUGGEST THAT THE IMPERIALIST PURPOSE WAS A CULINARY ONE. REPORTEDLY THERE IS ON DISPLAY AT THE SITE A "BIG POT FOR BOILING HUMAN FLESH," INSTRUMENTS FOR GOUGING OUT EYES, AND A BIG GLASS CONTAINER FOR CHILDREN'S INTESTINES. THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE MEETING WERE WARNED THAT LIN BIAO WANTED TO TURN THE COUNTRY OVER TO THE SOVIETS AND RESTORE SUCH PRACTICES.

3. HUPEH RADIO ON MARCH 21 BROADCAST A REPORT OF A SIMILAR MEETING HELD AT THE SITE OF JAPANESE WAR CRIMES AT THE HUANG SHIH COAL MINE. EARLIER SHANGHAI RADIO HAD REPORTED THE FIRST ANTI-LIN MEETING AT A JAPANESE ATROCITY SITE (HONG KONG 3136) AND CHENGDU RADIO HAD STARTED OFF THE SERIES WITH A RALLY IN CHUNGCHING HELD AT AN "EXHIBITION HALL OF U.S. AND CHIANG CRIMES" (HONG KONG 2861).
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